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CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Speaking at a banquet in London last night H.R.H. the Prince of Wales said he was delighted that the nation had approved of the approaching marriage of the Duke of Clarence to an Englishwoman.

The announcement that the wedding was to take place on the 10th March is premature; the date of the ceremony has not yet been fixed.

CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Newfoundland is laying additional duties on products imported from Canada.

Great excitement prevails in consequence, and the regular course of trade between the two countries has been upset.

FATAL FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A series of fires has taken place at Louisville, in the United States. Five girls and four firemen were killed.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE DOM PEDRO.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The funeral of the late Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, took place yesterday, the remains being interred at Lisbon.

Royal honours were accorded to the deceased Emperor as the cortege passed through the streets of Paris, en route for Portugal.

VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO AMERICA.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. E. W. Benson, will shortly proceed on a visit to the United States and Canada.

MR. GLADSTONE ON MR. GOUGH'S PROPOSALS.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Speaking at Northampton last night, Mr. Gladstone referred to Mr. Gough's proposals for the issue of 21 notes by the Bank of England as a quick scheme.

THE STRIKES AND THE LONDON SHIPPING TRADE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

In addition to the London Chamber of Commerce, Sir John Lubbock, Chairman of the London County Council, stated that much of the London shipping trade had been driven to Antwerp and Hamburg.

In consequence of the late maritime strikes.

THE SYDNEY WOMEN'S COLLEGE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Sixty-five applications have been received from candidates for the position of Lady Principal of the Women's College within the University of Sydney.

ANOTHER SUIT BY THE COUNTESS RUSSELL.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

London *Truth* of to-day asserts that the Countess Russell intends to sue her husband, Lord Russell, to recover the sum of £4000 paid by her on a joint account.

AUSTRALIAN BUTTER.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The bulk of the shipment of Australian butter received in the P. and O. Company's R.M.S. Victoria has been sold at from 120s to 124s per cwt. A few choice lots brought 128s. Dairy-made butter only realised 98s to 108s per cwt.

The trade complains that the butter is over-run, and advises that care be taken to keep the temperature of the cool room at an average of 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

It is reported that a reciprocity treaty will shortly be concluded between Germany and the United States.

President Harrison's message to the United States Congress states that the result of the McKinley tariff is satisfactory.

The conditions of trade do not suggest that it opposes the people or retards commercial development. The tariff has been the means of creating several great industries.

THE LATE SIR ARTHUR BLYTH.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The funeral of the late Sir Arthur Blyth, Agent-General for South Australia, took place to-day at Oakleigh Cemetery, Eastbourne, and was attended by about a dozen persons, chief members of the family, besides Mr. Samuel Deering, secretary to the Agent-General, and Mr. Oswald. Canon Whelpoll officiated. The Agent-General for Victoria and Tasmania were present.

THE FRENCH HIERARCHY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The French Senate has passed a law in favour of the Government with regard to the aggressive action of the French archbishops and bishops towards the Government.

M. Fallieres, Minister for Instruction and Public Worship, and M. De Freycinet, Minister for War, argued that the time was not ripe for the separation of the Church from the State.

BRITISH SUITORS DENIED JUSTICE IN GREECE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Lord Salisbury has warned the Greek Government that if the Courts of law in Greece persist in denying justice to British suitors investors will withdraw their capital.

THE BANK RATE.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Bank rate of discount is quoted at 3 1/2 per cent.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The American wheat supply of wheat, according to *Bradstreet's Circular*, is estimated at 62,200,000 bushels.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Christmas Number of the *Sunday Mail* will be published to-day.

DEATH OF A VICTORIAN JOURNALIST.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Mr. Fletcher, a very old Victorian journalist, died at his home in the Strand, London, on the 10th inst.

He was 84 years of age. He had been a member of the House of Commons for many years.

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THE BRITISH AND CHINESE IN BURMAH.

(BY CABLE.)

A COLLISION FEARED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

The Chinese commander has been ordered to re-occupy the recently abandoned position at Kampong, in Burmah.

The British decline to withdraw, and a collision is feared.

THE DEFENCES OF ALBANY AND THURSDAY ISLAND.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

Three six-inch guns will be shipped next week by order of the War Office authorities for the defence of Albany, in Western Australia, and another similar gun will be sent directly to be mounted at Thursday Island, Queensland.

THE RUSSIAN JEWS.

(BY CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.

A remonstrance from the United States.

President Harrison has expressed to the Czar of Russia his serious concern on learning of the harsh measures taken against the Jews.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

(BY TELETYPE.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.

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INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

(BY TELETYPE.)

VICTORIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

With regard to the discrepancy between the Audit Commission's report of the deficiency and that announced by Mr. Munro, the latter has adopted the figures of the Commission as correct.

Considerable interest is shown in the report of the Commission.

Twenty-six cases occurred in the whole colony, as against 11 in the preceding week. Of these 22 were in the metropolitan area.

An inquest on the body of J. W. Sherrill, who shot himself at Glen Iris yesterday, is being held to-day at the residence of the deceased.

A representative gathering of political and commercial men was held to-day at the Athenaeum to bid adieu to Mr. Robert Reid, who is leaving for England on Saturday next.

The remains of the late Dean Donoghue were interred in the Melbourne Cemetery to-day.

Amongst the clergy who took part in the ceremony at the cathedral were the Bishop of Port Augusta, R.A., the Bishop of Sale, the Coadjutor Bishop of South Australia, and the Archbishop of Melbourne.

The will of the late Thomas Walsh, a well-known Melbourne merchant, has been filed for probate. The estate is valued at £28,074 realty and £3610 personalty.

The board appointed by the Government to investigate the circumstances surrounding the wrongful arrest and conviction of Edward Bell for burglary commenced their evidence to-day. W. B. Leach, who grasped with the burglar, is the only witness who has been called.

He had made no mistake in identifying Bell as the burglar. Detective O'Donnell also stated that he still believed Bell was the man.

The Australian Trading and Refining Company's London telegram of the 9th quotes standard silver at 74 1/2 pence, and soft Spanish lead at 41 1/2 to 64 pence.

QUEENSLAND.

(BY TELETYPE.)

TO-day, being Separation Day, was observed as a general holiday. The weather was fine and pleasant. The principal event of the day was the departure of the *Wentworth* for Sydney.

The various excursions and places of holiday resort were well patronised.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

(BY TELETYPE.)

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.

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